

## **Abstract**

A system and method for controlling channel changes in television or digital radio having a tuner or receiver.

- 5 The system comprises an enhanced zap mechanism that is operable to (i) monitor channel change commands received from a user over a zapping session, (ii) identify discarded channels and (iii) prevent the tuner or receiver from returning to the discarded channels
- 10 during the rest of the zapping session, unless it is determined that a program transmitted on the discarded channel has changed.